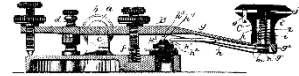




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San Antonio Radio Club  
W5SC



2016, No. 1 January 2016

# Radio Fiesta

## Program at Last Meeting

SARC's own President, Bob Rodriguez K5AUW, presented the program at its meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Grady's Barbecue. His subject was the use of lead acid batteries for home emergency power. Some key points from his presentation were: modern battery chargers normally shut off after battery is charged, lithium batteries must use a charger meant for them, and what battery ratings really mean. Bob also covered other types of batteries, such as those used to start automobiles and their advantages and disadvantage. He reported his experience that the best chargers are made by Schumacher and are available at Walmart. He discussed inverters and wave form. He cautioned that with with low voltages and high amperage that you had to be sure to use heavy gage wire and fuses. He talked about the pros and cons of AC to DC convertors. He reported that for amateur radio use that solar panels are still rather primitive. Everyone present appreciated his presentation.

## This Saturday, January 9, 2016 is SARC's Radio Fiesta!

Our next meeting is at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016. This may seem a strange was to start an article on Radio Fiesta, but it is not. While various and sundry items will be covered during the meeting, the reason for the meeting being on the first Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday of the month is **Radio Fiesta**. A key element of the Radio Fiesta Committee report will be on work assignments at Radio Fiesta.

Rowena Archer, as our Radio Fiesta Chairman has finalized arrangements with the Schertz Civic Center. She has signed up vendors and individuals for tables. She has mailed out flyers. She has wristbands and raffle tickets stockpiled. JC Smith has lined up the Program with excellent speakers. Bob Rodriguez is ready to be the Tailgate czar in the parking lot. Pat Knight has got testing ready to go at noon at the Schertz Public Library. **It is now incumbent on the general membership to volunteer for a tour of duty to help during the show. Blocks of time have been set up for workers. Please volunteer to help this core group at the January 7, 2016 meeting.**

**2016 San Antonio  
Amateur Radio Fiesta**

Saturday, January 9, 2016  
Hours 8:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m.

# SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO  
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I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The holidays are a time for family, and I hope that you all got to spend a lot of time with them.

I am honored to be your President of the San Antonio Radio Club for 2016. Amateur Radio is only as strong as us amateurs in it. For it to thrive, us amateurs must give support to each other. This is my turn in the barrel to give support to us amateurs in the San Antonio Radio Club. I have rendered support to other amateurs in the past as a Volunteer Examiner for license testing. It is always more fun to tell someone that they passed than that they didn't pass a test, but it is probably more important to give advice (support) by suggesting testing strategies.

Although we are all amateur radio operators, there are a great many of different directions that you can go in this hobby, which is good. It also means that an amateur radio operator can always learn from someone else who has really delved into an area that which an amateur radio operator has immersed themselves into. We can learn from each other. I am new to being a part of SARC's leadership team, and I am applying myself to learning about how things in SARC have been done in the past. I have already learned that some of our fellow members have a real passion for various aspects of this hobby.

Our most important fund raiser for the year is upon us – Radio Fiesta. It is on Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Schertz as stated elsewhere in this newsletter. The focus of the meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 will be work assignments in support of Radio Fiesta. This is your chance to support your fellow members. In talking to our Radio Fiesta leaders, they have got everthing lined up such that with your work contributions, we will have a successful Radio Fiesta for our guests, for our vendors, and for ourselves.



*Harold* AE5AS

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**San Antonio Radio Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Nov 12, 2015

1. Bob opened the meeting at 7.
2. Opened with going around the room and everyone introducing them selves.
3. Treasurers Report: See attached treasurers report. Approved as read.
4. Minutes from previous meeting, by Lloyd.
5. Dec meeting will be the Dec 9 AARO Christmas party at Blanco Barbecue starting at 6. Address 13259 Blanco Rd.
6. Presentation by Bob on lead acid Batteries for home emergency power. Modern chargers normally shut off after battery is charged. For lithium batteries must use the exact charger. What battery ratings really mean. Covered other types of batteries, advantages and disadvantage. Best chargers by made Schumacher. Available at Walmart. Discussed inverters and wave form. With low voltages be sure to use heavy gage wire and fuzes. DC to DC convertors pros and cons. Solar panel still rather primitive.
7. Presentation by Richard on more goodies from e-Bay and Radio Shack.
8. Radio Fiesta flyers in mail week of Thanksgiving. Cheerleaders will handle hood like last year. 6:30 Saturday January 9, Scherts Civic center on Scherts parkway. Need volunteers for 2 shifts 7-9 or 9-11 by 1st Thur in January.
9. Next meeting 7th of January. Will need volunteer names by Jan 7.
10. Election results:  
 San Antonio Radio Club 2016 Officers Elected:  
 President: Harold Fleischer, AE5AS  
 Vice-President: Rodney Brown, AA5RB  
 Secretary: Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW  
 Treasurer: Rowena Archer, KF5JCZ  
 Chairman of the Board Bob Rodriguez, KB5ACN  
 Board Members  
 2016 Pat Knight, AD5BR  
 2017 Mike Check, K5UCQ  
 2018 Tom O'Brien AB5XZ  
 2019 Richard Elder, WB5ACN  
 2020 Richard Elder, WB5ACN
11. 50-50 drawing Lloyd won.

Adjourned at 7:29

Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW  
Secretary

### SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: David Espinosa W5QS  
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### Amateur Radio License Classes

Multiple classes planned for 2016.

For more information, contact:  
Bob Rodriguez K5AUW  
Instructor

### SARC Meeting Dates for 2016

- January 7, 2016
- February 11, 2016
- March 10, 2016
- April 14, 2016
- May 12, 2016
- June 9, 2016
- July 14, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- September 8, 2016
- October 12, 2016
- November 10, 2016
- December (None)

Meetings are held at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m.

Come early and eat with other members coming early.

### License Testing Dates for 2016

- January 9, 2016
- February 27, 2016
- April 23, 2016
- June 25, 2016
- August 27, 2016
- October 22, 2016

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

### Field Day 2016

Setup: Friday, June 24, 2016  
Operations: Saturday, June 25, 2016  
& Sunday, June 26, 2016

*Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.*

More information to follow, but hold these dates.

### JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

This year's date is Oct 16, 2016.

For more information, contact:  
Bob Rodriguez K5AUW

### Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:  
JC Smith N5RXS